interest of both Central and State Governments who have the responsibility for ensuring that inter-state and intra-state transmission.

(e) A Bill is being introduced in the current session of the Parliament to replace the Ordinance.

[Translation]

Clearance to Power Projects

675. SHRI BUDHSEN PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have announced that the power projects up to a specific MW power generating capacity need not require clearance from the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of such projects have been cleared during the last six months; and

(d) the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) (a) and (b) Schemes for generating station prepared by a Generating Company selected on MoU/LoI basis costing upto Rs. 100 crores, and selected through a process of competitive bidding costing upto Rs. 1,000 crores are not required to be submitted to the Central Electricity Authority for Techno-economic clearance.

(c) and (d) The Central Government does not monitor clearance of these schemes on a regular basis now as they fall within the perview of the powers of the State Governments.

[English]

Central Assistance for Damaged Houses

676. SHRI V. PRADEEP DEV:
SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) The total amount of Special Central Assistance sanctioned for construction of houses fully damaged by flood/cyclone/hurricane in Andhra Pradesh. Tamil nadu and Kerala and Orissa during the year 1995-96 and upto December 31, 1996; and

(b) the check exercised by the Central Government to ensure that the special assistance is properly utilised for the purpose it was sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) In addition to normal allocation from Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), the following additional assistances has been provided from the *National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) in the wake of cyclone and floods during 1995-96 and 1996-97 for relief and rehabilitation measures, including the housing sector:—*

State	*1995-96*	*1996-97 (Rs. in crores)*
Andhra Pradesh	*21.00*	*142.00*
Kerala	—	—
Orissa	*30.75*	—
Tamil Nadu	—	—

(b) Government of India have fixed the items and norms of assistances from the CRF/NFCR in the wake of natural calamities, including assistance for damaged houses. The Accountant Generals ensure that only expenditure on approved items is permitted.

Awareness Programme for LPG Consumers

677. SHRI ANANT KUMAR HEGDE:
KUMARI UMA BHARATI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to launch an awareness programme to educate the LPG consumers on safety aspects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the programme is likely to be launched?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Safety education is an ongoing and a very important activity of Public Sector Oil Companies. Oil Companies conduct LPG customer education programmes for LPG consumers such as customer safety clinic, seminar on safety, face to face sessions, call on customers etc., for highlighting the safety aspects of handling of LPG. Oil Industry has already launched a campaign in Northern Region to educate the LPG consumers on the aspects of conservation and safety through various media like TV, Print Media etc., from December 1996 onwards. This campaign will continue till February 1997 end.

Power Generation Through Atomic Energy

678. SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for power generation through Atomic Energy during the Eighth Plan;

(b) the actual achievement made in this regard;

(c) whether there is any shortfall in the production;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of the projection for the 9th Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) The budgeted target for power generation through atomic energy during the Eighth Plan was set at 37,070 MUs.

(b) With the expected generation of electricity of about 1800 MUs during February and March, 1997 the total generation of electricity from nuclear power plants during the Eighth Plan i.e. 1992-97 will be nearly 35,000 MUs.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Short fall is expected to be around 2,300 MUs during the Eighth Plan period which is mainly due to:

(i) long shut down of the Tarapur Atomic Power Station units during 1995-96 and 1996-97 for refuelling and core-shroud inspection,

(ii) extended shut down of Madras Atomic Power Station units during 1995-96 and 1996-97 for in-service inspection of coolant channels,

(iii) initial problems during the stabilisation period of Narora Atomic Power Station units and their long shut down after the Turbine Generator fire incident in Unit-1.

(e) The generation of electricity from nuclear power plants during the Ninth Five Year Plan period is estimated at about 50,000 MUs with total generating capacity expected to reach 2,720 MWe by 1998-99.

World Bank Assistance

679. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has provided any assistance for water supply and senitation projects particularly for Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) The World Bank has provided assistance to the States of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh to provide safe drinking water in the rural areas. The details of assistance provided to Gujarat State is as under:

Gujarat Water Supply and Sewerage Project

Project areas	Anand, Godhra, Nadiad, Bhavnagar, Jamnagar, Ahmedabad and Regional rural water supply schemes
Cost	Rs. 207.33 Crore
World Bank Assistance	US$ 72 million
Year of Completion	1991

Gujarat Urban Development Project

Project areas for water supply component	Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot, Jamnagar, Bhavnagar, Anand and some rural areas
Cost including water supply	Rs. 208.00 crore
World Bank Assistance	US $ 62 million
Year of completion	1995

Kerosene Oil Depots

680. SHRI RAMSAGAR:
SHRI MANGAL RAM PREMI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Kerosene oil depots in Allahabad, Phulpur, Bijnore and Barabanki districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether these depots are sufficient to meet the needs of the people;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Kerosene oil is available in full quantity to meet the requirement of the people or there is any need to enhance the quantity of oil and the oil depots; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure the availability of kerosene oil to villagers as due to them in full quantity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Production by Food Processing Industries

681. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of agro based food processing industries established and help extended for establishing such industries in various States in the country including karnataka during the last three years;

(b) the production made by these industries during the above period;

(c) the incentives provided during the current financial year for setting up of such industries in the States; and

(d) the total production likely to be attained by the end of March, 1997?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) to (d) Food Processing Industries are both in